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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The following Amendment is responsive to the Office Action of May 20, 2005, the response for which is due July 20, 2005.

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